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THE CLASH OF THE DECADE...
BATMAN/SPAWN: WAR DEVIL

DC's Batman. Todd McFarlane's Spawn. They're two of the world's most dangerous heroes—dark avengers locked in a savage clash with the strange forces that brought them together in the super-hot one-shot BATMAN/SPAWN: WAR DEVIL!

This is the team-up fans everywhere have been demanding. Batman enters a deadly web of violence and horror when he encounters the mysterious Spawn, an enemy of evil as grim and menacing as the Dark Knight himself. Driven by strange visions, Spawn has come to Gotham City in search of clues to his lost life. Worlds collide as Batman and Spawn clash in a ferocious battle.

But a puzzling rash of disappearing bodies and the sudden arrival of the living dead draw the cowled crusaders into a madman's sinister scheme. Someone in Gotham City is working to hasten the Devil's War — a conflagration that Spawn must avoid at all costs. And if Batman and Spawn can't join forces against their common enemy, Spawn's soul is lost... and Gotham City is doomed!

BATMAN/SPAWN: WAR DEVIL is a 48-page Prestige Format one-shot written by the writers of all three regular Batman titles, Alan Grant, Doug Moench and Chuck Dixon, with art and cover by Klaus Janson.

Also offered this month from Image Comics is Spawn/Batman!

BATMAN/SPAWN: WAR DEVIL... a war for the soul of a hero.

THE ELSEWORLDS ANNUALS... THERE ARE NO LIMITS!

The Elseworlds Annuals... apocryphal tales in which DC's greatest heroes are placed in settings that are intriguingly different from their ongoing continuities. From the distant past to the far-flung future, from realms of fantasy to events in history, from one end of the world to the other — the Elseworlds Annuals offer some of the wildest and most compelling interpretations of DC's heroes ever seen, written and illustrated by a host of daring creators.

This 1994 Annuals event begins with CATWOMAN ANNUAL #1, written by Christopher Priest, with art by Federico Cueva and Alberto Pez, placing the feral feline in a violent and mystical 14th century, where she must contend with a dark knight of the Order of the Bat.

One week later, it's TEAM TITANS ANNUAL #2, written by Jeff Jensen and Phil Jimenez, with art by Luke Ross and Kevin Conrad, set in a distant galaxy where rebel heroes oppose an evil galactic empire.

Then, in SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL ANNUAL #3, written by Christopher Priest with art by M.D. Bright and Curt A. Shoultz, thousands of Kryptonians survive the destruction of their planet and overrun Earth.

THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES ANNUAL #5 caps off the first month of Elseworlds Annuals with a story written by Tom McCraw and illustrated by a number of artists, depicting the Legion heroes in an "Oz-like" storybook realm.

Upcoming Annuals will feature stories set in the Renaissance, the Old West, the 21st century, the American Revolution, and numerous other worlds.

The Elseworlds Annuals will appear in comic book shops throughout spring and summer... and the heroes of the DC Universe will never again be the same!

TEAM TITANS ANNUAL #2

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GUNFIRE EXPLODES!

From the pages of BLOODBATH, GUNFIRE blasts into the DC Universe! Young Andrew Van Horn is the reluctant heir to a sprawling munitions empire... and a man cursed with the power to turn any object in his hands into a deadly, explosive projectile!

As the high-tech, armored New Blood adventurer from DEATHSTROKE, THE TERMINATOR ANNUAL #2, Gunfire is a hero for the next century. Backed by state-of-the-art technology and cyberpunk science, Van Horn uses every resource at his disposal as he struggles to cope with his dangerous abilities.

But behind the scenes lurks an evil force that wants Gunfire dead — a force somehow connected to Van Horn's late father, killed during Bloodlines by the same alien parasite that gave Gunfire his powers.

GUNFIRE is a new ongoing monthly New Format series written by Len Wein, with art by Steve Erwin and Brian Garvey.

IN A BLAZE OF POWER...THE RAY RETURNS!

ROBIN. SUPERBOY. ANIMA. New and powerful teenage heroes are rising across the DC Universe. Now it's the long-awaited return of The Ray in an all-new ongoing series, following the exploits of the young Ray Terrill, heir to the power of his famous father, the Golden Age Ray.

Issue #1 opens in Hawaii, with the Ray battling Brimstone, Darkseid's giant fallen angel of destruction. And since Honolulu recently became the home turf of Superboy, it isn't long before the Metropolis Kid himself joins the Ray in a cataclysmic fight against the monster from Apokolips. But as the battle rages, the tension building between these two superpowered youths ignites... and both may end up victims of Brimstone's rampage!

THE RAY is a New Format ongoing series written by Christopher Priest, with art by penciller Howard Porter and inker Robert Jones. And to celebrate his triumphant return, DC presents THE RAY #1 in two editions, with the Collector's Edition featuring a multilevel embossed logo and cover art printed with 4-color process ink on gold foil! The Standard Edition features different cover art, without the enhancement. Both covers are pencilled by Joe Quesada.

And in case you missed the popular, award-winning miniseries that launched this powerful young hero, DC is re-presenting that story in THE RAY: IN A BLAZE OF POWER trade paperback, a single thrilling volume featuring the complete 6-issue miniseries written by Jack C. Harris, with art by Joe Quesada and Art Nichols. This trade paperback also features a new cover pencilled by Quesada and painted by Brian Stelfreeze, with an introduction by Christopher Priest.

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☐ **BATMAN #507**
"Knightquest: The Crusade" continues: Batman and New Blood hero Ballistic try to find the murderous Abattoir before the Maniaxe do, leading to a vicious battle in a Gotham City nightclub. Written by Doug Moench, with art by Jim Balent and Frank McLaughlin. Cover by Kelley Jones. $1.50

BATMAN #507

☐ **BATMAN/SPAWN: WAR DEVIL**
This is it... One of comics' most requested team-ups explodes across the pages of BATMAN/SPAWN: WAR DEVIL, featuring the first meeting between DC's Batman and Todd McFarlane's Spawn, two of the most popular characters in comics! Spawn arrives in Gotham City, driven by strange visions as he seeks clues to his former life... and the Dark Knight isn't happy about it, setting off a vicious battle between these two grim avengers of the night. But their savage encounter is cut short when scores of living dead begin walking the streets, drawing both cowled crusaders into a sinister plot to hasten the Devil's War — a conflict Spawn is seeking to avoid! If he and Batman can't put aside their differences and join forces, Spawn's soul is lost — and Gotham City is doomed! Featuring the combined talents of all three regular Batman writers, Alan Grant, Doug Moench, and Chuck Dixon, with art and cover by Klaus Janson. *(Prestige Format)* $4.95

BATMAN/SPAWN: WAR DEVIL

☐ **CATWOMAN ANNUAL #1**
The Elseworlds Annuals event, the DC Universe's journey into remote realms of possibility, begins here. In the 14th century, the monarch Ra's al Ghul sends his son — a dark knight of the Order of the Bat — on a genocidal mission to wipe out a roving band of peasants known as the Selenes. But the gypsies are protected by a shapeshifter... a half woman, half feline whose attempts to thwart Ra's al Ghul's evil plan may be utterly undone by her feelings for the knight. Written by Christopher Priest, with art and cover by Federico Cueva and Alberto Pez. 64 pages. $2.95

CATWOMAN ANNUAL #1

☐ **CHAIN GANG WAR #11**
Batman guest-stars as he joins the Chain Gang's battle with the Crooked Man. Meanwhile, carnage ensues at the House of Correction as Curtis imposes his brutal sentence. Written by John Wagner, with art by Dave Johnson and Andrew Robinson. *(New Format)* $1.75

☐ **FLASH #90**
When the courts prohibit the Flash's activities, Wally is forced to become an outlaw in order to track down the villain who framed him. Written by Mark Waid, with art and cover by Mike Wieringo and José Marzan, Jr. $1.50

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☐ **DEATHSTROKE, THE TERMINATOR #36**

Wintergreen's past returns to haunt him when his mentor, a British general during World War II, seeks Deathstroke's help in stopping a blackmailer. But when they learn the general was actually a Nazi spy, Wintergreen is faced with having to decide whether to help a dear friend... or see justice done! Written by Marv Wolfman, with art by Nigel Tully and Charles Barnett III. Cover by Tom Raney. *(New Format)* $1.75

☐ **HARDWARE #15**

Alva discovers Hardware's greatest secret, and Curt Metcalf faces the biggest dilemma of his career even as he begins work on what may be his ultimate weapon. Written by Dwayne McDuffie, with art by Humberto Ramos and Prentis Rollins. Cover by Cowan and Walter Simonson. $1.50

☐ **LEGIONNAIRES #14**

The team's deadly encounter with the Archduke takes a turn for the worse, and the captured Legionnaires discover still more about Kid Psycho's bizarre powers. Written by Tom and Mary Bierbaum, with art by Chris Gardner and Dennis Cramer. Cover by Adam Hughes. $1.50

DEATHSTROKE, THE TERMINATOR #36

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THE SPECTRE #18
Twisted with Eclipso's evil, The Spectre finds the entire human race guilty as charged and passes sentence: Death... Spectre-style! Written by John Ostrander, with art and cover by Tom Mandrake. *(New Format)* $1.75

STAR TREK® #60
The hostage situation worsens and the captives' time is running out as Kirk tries desperately to communicate with the alien vessel that's bombarding the Federation colony. Written by Howard Weinstein and art by Carlos Garzón. Cover by Jerome Moore. *(New Format)* $1.75

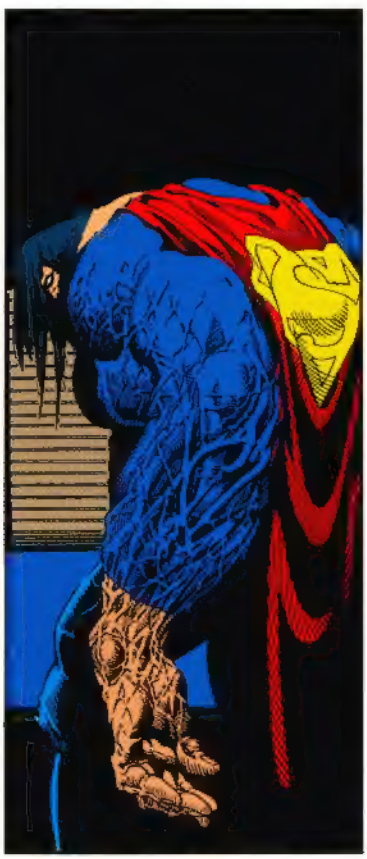
SUPERBOY #4
Superboy is laid up with a mysterious and potentially fatal ailment... one that may be connected to some strange goings-on in Metropolis. But while bedridden, the Kid catches up on his TV watching with the all-new cartoon show *Superboy: The Animated Series*... and that may be the last thing he ever does. This issue's "cartoon" sequences feature art by Mike Parobeck, penciller of THE BATMAN ADVENTURES. Superboy also guest-stars this month in THE RAY #1. Written by Karl Kesel, with art by Tom Grummett, Doug Hazlewood, Parobeck, and Ande Parks. Cover by Grummett, Parobeck, and Kesel. $1.50

SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #33
Superman continues literally to swell with power... until the Parasite volunteers to drain the Man of Steel's excess energies, forcing Superman to decide between accepting help from one of his deadliest foes or face death. Plus, Lois Lane's life begins to unravel. Written by Louise Simonson, with art and cover by Jon Bogdanove and Dennis Janke. $1.50

VALOR #19
The Legionnaires guest-star as the decision is made about who will take Valor's place in history. The Linear Men have one idea... and the villainous Glorith another! Somebody better decide fast... before the Legionnaires simply cease to exist. Written by Mark Waid, with art by Colleen Doran and Mischa McDowell. Cover by Stuart Immonen. $1.50

WONDER WOMAN #86
When one of Diana's friends is kidnapped, Wonder Woman busts loose in her efforts to find her. But her new, tougher methods lead to a major blow-out with the authorities. Written by William Messner-Loebs with art by Jeff Parker and Kevin Conrad. Cover by Brian Bolland. $1.50

SUPERBOY #4



SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #33

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BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #27
"Knightquest: The Crusade" continues: Lady Clayface leads Batman to the site of Clayface and Abattoir's impending showdown. Plus... meet the Clayface baby. Written by Alan Grant, with art by Bret Blevins and Bob Smith. Painted cover by Brian Stelfreeze. *(New Format)* $1.75

THE DEMON #47
The zombie Nazis are blazing across the American Midwest, until the Demon Etrigan, General Jeb Stuart, and the Haunted Tank confront this undead legion in the grizzled old heroes' first battle since the end of World War II. Written by Garth Ennis, with art and cover by John McCrea. *(New Format)* $1.75

GREEN LANTERN #52
The new Green Lantern's first adventure continues as Mongul tracks him down, not caring that this emerald gladiator isn't Hal Jordan, or that he hasn't yet mastered the use of his ring! Because Mongul has only one objective — the death of Green Lantern! Written by Ron Marz, with art by Steve Carr and Romeo Tanghal, and cover by Darryl Banks and Tanghal. $1.50

HAWKMAN #9
While Hawkman battles the metahuman survivors of Chicago's Netherworld, Katar Hol's mother sends an angry and puzzled Hawkwoman away for some cryptic reason. Meanwhile, the countdown to ZERO HOUR begins for Hawkman and Hawkwoman as, far from Earth, an ominous and destructive figure moves on a collision course for the Hawkworld Thanagar. Written by new regular writer William Messner-Loebs, with art and cover by Steve Lieber and Rick Magyar. *(New Format)* $1.75

ICON #13
Icon and Rocket meet a throwback to the '70s: Buck Wild, Mercenary Man, a hero for rent, a hero for the people. But Buck isn't aware that he's become an agent of the evil Lysistrata Jones. Also, a pregnant Rocket is locked in a life-or-death struggle with... gravity. Written by Dwayne McDuffie, with art by M.D. Bright and Mike Gustovich. Cover by Bright. $1.50

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☐ **JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA #88**
Part 3 of the 3-part "Cult of the Machine": Dreamslayer takes control of the cult that summoned him, turning them against the Justice League. Then Dreamslayer himself enters the fray as he recreates the cult's steel tower into a colossal form he can inhabit. Written by Dan Vado, with art by Mark Campos and Ken Branch. Cover by Tom Raney. $1.50

☐ **THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #57**
A confrontation with the United Planets Academy turns deadly when the Khund Legion members return and pressure mounts against the "outlaw" Legion of Super-Heroes. Plus, unsettling developments in the timestream lead to "future" problems. Written by Tom McCraw, Stuart Immonen and Ron Boyd, with art by Christopher Taylor and Dave Cooper, and cover by Immonen and Boyd. *(New Format)* $1.75

☐ **LOBO: A CONTRACT ON GAWD #2**
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
Gawd strikes back by focusing all his twisted power on confounding the Main Man. It's babes, babes, and more babes... with Lobo caught in the middle. He's beginning to believe the planet Paradize is aptly named, until he's sent to meet the darkest ruler of the underworld, who happens to be Gawd's brother — Dave. Written by Alan Grant, with art by Kieron Dwyer and Dick Giordano. Painted cover by Dwyer. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.75

ICON #13

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☐ **THE NEW TITANS #111**
Nightwing's search for Starfire leads him to the jungles of Brazil, where a changed Koriand'r is worshipped as a warrior goddess following the Tamaran coming-of-age ritual. Meanwhile, changes in the core team continue as they move into their new headquarters — a satellite controlled by Checkmate. Written by Marv Wolfman, with art by Matt Thompson and Will Blyberg. Cover by Bill Jaaska. *(New Format)* $1.75

THE NEW TITANS #111

☐ **THE RAY: IN A BLAZE OF POWER TRADE PAPERBACK**
You mean to tell us you missed the landmark miniseries that introduced THE RAY? Here's your chance to catch up on Ray's beginnings with the complete 6-issue miniseries, written by Jack C. Harris, with art by Joe Quesada and Art Nichols, represented in one thrilling volume. THE RAY: IN A BLAZE OF POWER tells how young Ray Terrill first learned of his phenomenal powers and the heroic legacy he inherited from his father, the Golden Age Ray. This collection features a new cover by Quesada and Brian Stelfreeze. 144 pages. *(Trade paperback)* $9.95

☐ **STAR TREK® SPECIAL #1**
An old acquaintance of the *Enterprise*™ crew returns, bringing Captain Kirk face to face with R.J. Blaise. Now their longstanding feud over Kirk's contempt for playing it "by the book" is renewed, and Blaise finds herself dealing with the consequences of getting what she wants. Written by Peter David, with art by Rod Whigham and Arne Starr. Plus, in an untold story written and pencilled by Mike Collins, set between the popular feature films *Star Trek III: The Search for Spock* and *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home*, Spock is drawn into Vulcan's deserts as he tries to heal his wounded soul and cope with his return to life. This story is inked by Terry Pallot. Painted cover by Bill Sienkiewicz. 64 pages. *(New Format)* $3.95

☐ **SUPERGIRL #4**
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
Supergirl is torn between her love for the ailing Lex Luthor and the terrible knowledge of what he's done to her. Pushed to the brink, Supergirl strikes back, and Luthor's life is on the line unless Superman can protect him. Written by Roger Stern, with art by June Brigman and Jackson Guice. Cover by Kerry Gammill and Bob Wiacek. $1.50

SUPERGIRL #4

☐ **SUPERMAN #89**
Project Cadmus steps in to help the now-gargantuan Man of Steel... by getting him off Earth and into space, where he can do less damage. Plus, Lois Lane is fired from the *Daily Planet*. Written and pencilled by Dan Jurgens, with inks by Joe Rubinstein. Cover by Jurgens and Rubinstein. $1.50

SUPERMAN #89

☐ **TEAM TITANS ANNUAL #2**
The Elseworlds Annuals, the DC Universe's journey into remote realms of possibility, continue as the Team Titans are in the farthest reaches of space, in an evil galactic empire ruled by Lord Chaos. But Chaos's rule is challenged by a rebel alliance in search of a leader... a leader that emerges from among the core membership of the Team Titans. Written by Jeffrey Jensen and Phil Jimenez, with art by Luke Ross and Kevin Conrad. Cover by Mike Deodato, Jr. 64 pages. *(New Format)* $3.50

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☐ **ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #512**

The Parasite's offer of help was rejected. But now, after escaping, the villain succeeds in absorbing Superman's overloading power... a process that may be too much for the Man of Steel. Plus: Lois Lane's life continues to go downhill as her apartment is torched. Written by Karl Kesel, with art by Barry Kitson and Ray McCarthy. Cover by Kitson and Kesel. $1.50

☐ **BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #80**

Part 2 of the 3-part "Quarry," the concluding story arc of "Knightquest: The Search": Asp, continuing to turn Shondra Kinsolving's healing skills into a murdering weapon, threatens to kill four more heads of state unless his demands are met. Fearing that Bruce Wayne will also be one of Asp's victims, Alfred attempts to enlist the help of Batman, but the Dark Knight, consumed in his own violent agenda in Gotham City, is reluctant to come to his predecessor's aid. Written by Dennis O'Neil, with art and cover by Eduardo Barreto. *(Deluxe Format)* $1.75

☐ **BLOOD SYNDICATE #14**

The Roach encroachment continues as the party at Club Capri winds down with an unfinished symphony by Holocaust and Flashback. Plus, Kwai faces her father and mother, who are in serious denial, and Boogieman's mother gets an unexpected shock. Written by Ivan Velez, Jr., with art by Chriscross and Rober Quijano. Cover by Chriscross. $1.50

☐ **DETECTIVE COMICS #674**

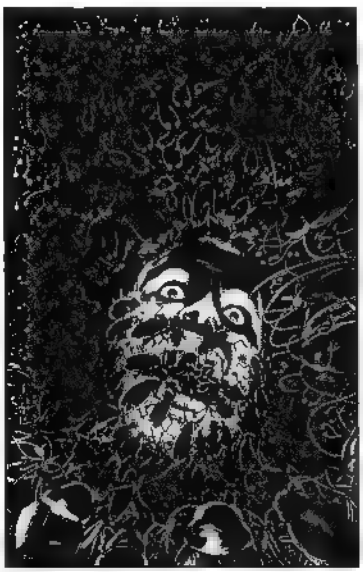
"Knightquest: The Crusade" continues: Gunhawk, a villainous master of firearms, has come to Gotham City to steal a prototype military weapon, and Batman must overcome his foe's awesome arsenal in order to stop him. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art by Graham Nolan and Scott Hanna. Cover by Kelley Jones. $1.50

☐ **FIGHTING AMERICAN #4**

(of a 6-issue miniseries)

While Fighting American cools off in jail, Gross National Product and his crony Def Izzit play havoc with the economic and emotional well-being of America. Written by Dave Rawson and Pat McGreal, with art and cover by Greg LaRocque and Richard Space. $1.50

ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #512



BLOOD SYNDICATE #14

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GUNFIRE #1
Gunfire the New Blood hero from DEATHSTROKE, THE TERMINATOR ANNUAL #2, stars in a new ongoing series. Young Andrew Van Horn is the reluctant heir to a sprawling munitions empire . and a man cursed with the power to turn any object in his hands into a deadly, explosive projectile. When the deadly villain Ricochet kidnaps one of Van Horn's employees, the high-tech armored Gunfire must risk his life to save her as he tries to cope with his own dangerous abilities. Written by Len Wein, with art and cover by Steve Erwin and Brian Garvey *(New Format)* $1 75

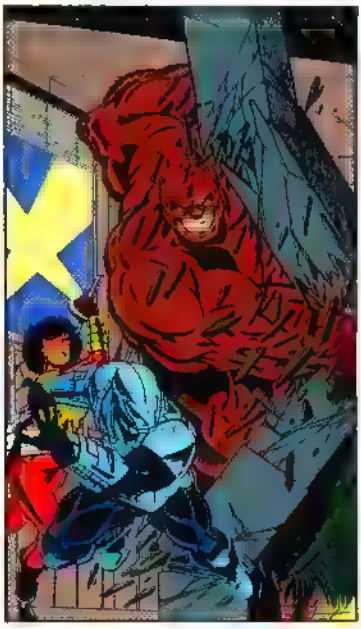
JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE #12
Part 3 the 3-part "Purification Plague": While the Task Force battles the superpowered Aryan Brigade, the crazed survivalists' deadly viral bomb threatens to detonate. Written by Michael Jan Friedman, with art and cover by Sa Velluto and Jeff Albrecht. $1 50

L.E.G.I.O.N. '94 #66
Strata adopts a secret identity to track down the Masked Avenger as the deaths of Captain Comet and Lady Quark begin to have repercussions Also, Stealth and Dox's child gets a name Written by Tom Peyer, with art by Arnie Jorgensen and James Pascoe. Cover by Barry Kitson. *(New Format)* $1 75

GUNFIRE #1

JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE #12

OUTSIDERS #7
Batman makes a cameo appearance this issue as the Outsiders arrive in Gotham City, looking for their old ally and finding only death. Technocrat's wife has a score to settle with her husband and sends an army of updated technosuits against him and his teammates — an attack that means the death of an Outsider! Written by Mike W Barr with art and cover by Paul Pelletier and Robert Campanella. *(New Format)* $1 75



OUTSIDERS #7

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THE RAY #1 COLLECTOR'S EDITION

The Ray's new ongoing series gets off to an explosive start in Hawaii as the Ray is locked in mortal battle against Brimstone. Darkseid's giant angel of destruction. Honolulu's resident hero Superboy, soon joins the fight. But the tension between these two superpowered youths may ignite disastrously, and leave them both victims of Brimstone's rampage. Written by Christopher Priest, with art by Howard Porter and Robert Jones. The multi-level embossed cover, printed with 4-color process ink on gold foil, is penciled by Joe Quesada. *(New Format)* $2.95

THE RAY #1 COLLECTOR'S EDITION

THE RAY #1 STANDARD EDITION

The Standard Edition contains the same exciting story as the Collector's edition, but with a different cover by Joe Quesada and Art Nichols, and no enhancement. Written by Christopher Priest with art by Howard Porter and Robert Jones. *(New Format)* $1.75

THE RAY #1 STANDARD EDITION

SHOWCASE '94 #5

(of a 12-issue limited series)

A special 3-part crossover begins this issue, continuing next week in ROBIN #6, and concluding one week later in SHOWCASE '94 #6! Robin teams with the Huntress, and together they struggle to contain the chaos that ensues when Batman nails one of Gotham City's crime bosses. "Benediction" is written by Chuck Dixon, with art by Phil Jimenez and Bruce Patterson. Bloodwynd from the Justice League stars in "Hero of Choice" as a purse-snatching leads to a far deadlier inner-city scourge. Written by Ruben Diaz, with art by Max Douglas. Loose Cannon, the New Blood hero from ACTION COMICS ANNUAL #5, stars in a solo adventure written by Jeph Loeb with art by Steve Skroce and Romeo Tanghal. The cover of this issue features the Huntress by Walter Simonson. $1.95

STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION® #60

Part 2 of the 3-part "Children of Chaos": On a distant world, a Starfleet crew has disappeared and Picard must find them without triggering an all-out war with the volatile and untrusting Chalnoth. Written by Michael Jan Friedman with art by Deryl Skelton. Cover by Jason Palmer and Jerome Moore. *(New Format)* $1.75

SHOWCASE '94 #5

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ANIMA #3

☐ **STEEL #4**
Back on the streets after defeating Amertek, Steel focuses on a crime wave that's tearing apart Washington, DC. But when a super-powered "Tar"-addict attacks gang members at a funeral, it's Steel who must defend his family and friends... without his armor! Written by Jon Bogdanove and Louise Simonson, with art by Kevin West and John Lowe. Cover by Bogdanove and Dennis Janke. $1.50

☐ **SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL ANNUAL #3**
The Elseworlds Annuals event, the DC Universe's journey into remote realms of possibility, continues as the doomed planet Krypton explodes... and thousands of starships hurtle to Earth with survivors seeking refuge. But under a yellow sun all Kryptonians are supermen, and they quickly succeed in taking over their new home... for its own good! Earth's only chance of deliverance from the oppressive alien leader Jor-El now rests with his Earth-born son... Kal-El. Written by Christopher Priest, with art by M.D. Bright and Curt A. Shoultz. 64 pages. $2.95

☐ **TEAM TITANS #20**
The true identity of the Leader is revealed at last as the Team Titans' attempt to return to the year 2001 is thwarted by Lazarium, a mad Titan from the future. Several Titans die in this issue, setting the stage for the Team's involvement in this summer's ZERO HOUR. Written by Jeffrey Jensen and Phil Jimenez, with art and cover by Terry Dodson and Will Blyberg. *(New Format)* $1.75

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☐ **ACTION COMICS #801**
Part 1 of the 4-part "Battle for Metropolis": The war between LexCorp and the Cadmus Project takes to the streets... but will Superman recover from his ordeal in time to save Metropolis? Written by Roger Stern, with art by Jackson Guice and Denis Rodier. Cover by Guice. $1.50

☐ **ANIMA #1**
Drugged with the Scarecrow's latest experimental fear serum, Anima is trapped in the Arkana, the nightmarish shadow realm from where Animus originates. But even the Scarecrow couldn't anticipate his drug's effect on Animus... driving him into a rage so extreme, Anima can't control him — or protect herself! Written by Elizabeth Hand and Paul Witcover, with art by Steve Crespo and Chris Ivy. Cover by Davis. *(New Format)* $1.75

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☐ **THE BATMAN ADVENTURES #20**
Batman faces the return of Mastermind, Mr. Nice, and the Professor, as the villains join forces to take control of Gotham City... and possibly the world! Written by Kelley Puckett, with art and cover by Mike Parobeck and Rick Burchett. $1.50

☐ **CATWOMAN #10**
Catwoman hunts an arms racketeer who has stolen a device capable of curing Selina's quadriplegic friend! Written by Jo Duffy and penciled by Jim Balent. Cover by Balent. $1.50

☐ **DAMAGE #2**
Damage escapes his attackers, Megafire and Flak, and storms Symbolix Labs to rescue his parents... but before he can free them and learn the truth of his origins, they are killed before his eyes! Now Damage must face the monstrous creations of Symbolix. Plus, a mysterious figure from the Golden Age returns! Written by Tom Joyner, with art and cover by Bil. Marimon and Tom McWeeney. *(New Format)* $1.75

DAMAGE #2

CATWOMAN #10

☐ **THE DARKSTARS #20**
Part 3 of the 3-part "Eve of Destruction": The Darkstars and Flash are faced with a big bang... a slowly expanding universe that threatens to engulf the existing continuum. Written by Michael Jan Friedman, with art by Mike Collins and Ken Branch. Cover by Randy DuBurke. *(New Format)* $1.75

☐ **GREEN ARROW #80**
Catwoman guest-stars as she and Green Arrow collide in Dallas over a crime ring smuggling ancient artifacts. Green Arrow intends to return the stolen treasures to their rightful owners... but Catwoman has her own plans for the loot! Written by Doug Moench, with art by Jim Aparo and Gerry Fernandez. Cover by Dan Norton and Fernandez. *(New Format)* $1.75

GREEN ARROW #80

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GUY GARDNER: WARRIOR #20
Part 3 of the 4-part "Emerald Fallout": With the aid of Golden Age Green Lantern Alan Scott, Warrior assembles a team to investigate what's happened on the planet Oa. Alongside Martian Manhunter, The Ray, Wonder Woman, Darkstar Ferron Colos, Captain Atom, and Arisia, Warrior battles rogue Green Lantern Hal Jordan as the assembled heroes fight to take down one of their own. Written by Beau Smith, with art and cover by Mitch Byrd and Dan Davis. $1.50

JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL #64
Trapped by a savage cult, the Justice League must defeat the new Cadre if they are to have any hope of stopping the cult's apocalyptic plans. Written by Gerard Jones and Will Jacobs, with art and cover by Chuck Wojtkiewicz and Mike Avon Oeming. Cover by Wojtkiewicz and Oeming. $1.50

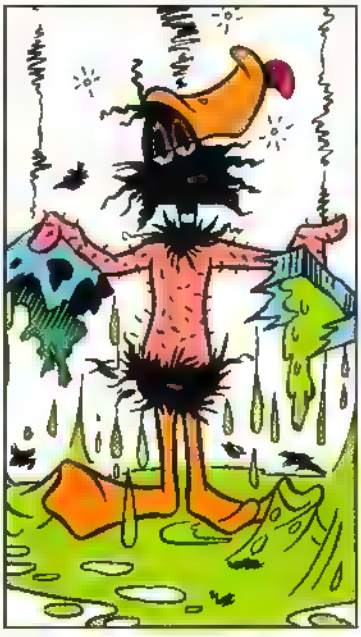
JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL #64

THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES ANNUAL #5
The Elseworlds Annuals event, the DC Universe's journey into remote realms of possibility, continues with a Legion story set in an "Oz-like" storybook realm. When young Ayla finds herself lost on a strange and mysterious planet, she must seek the aid of an odd assortment of "Legionesque" characters to find her way back home. Written by Tom McCraw, with art by Ron Boyd, Dan DeCarlo, Colleen Doran, Mark Farmer, Stuart Immonen, Ted McKeever, Karl Story, and Wade Von Grawbadger. 64 pages. *(New Format)* $3.50

GUY GARDNER: WARRIOR #20

LOBO #5
Lobo takes an assignment to bring in Bloodhound, a crazed killer on a death spree across the galaxy (who also happens to have a grotesque terminal illness known only as "Rob's Disease.") Lobo can collect the bounty on Bloodhound only by getting him before the disease does, which means first contending with an alien super-hero who's just too good to be true, the bastich! Written by Alan Grant, with art and cover by Val Semeiks and John Dell. *(New Format)* $1.75

LOONEY TUNES #2
More hare-raising fun and excitement takes place this issue as the unflappable Bugs Bunny and that maladjusted mallard Daffy Duck square off in an explosive battle. And if that weren't enough for any Looney fan, Wile E. Coyote, Road Runner and Foghorn Leghorn star in stories of their own. $1.50



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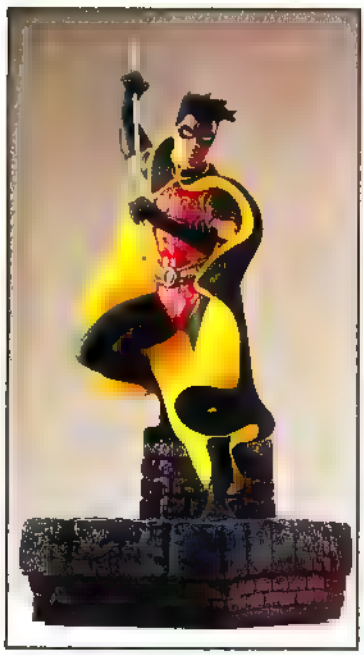
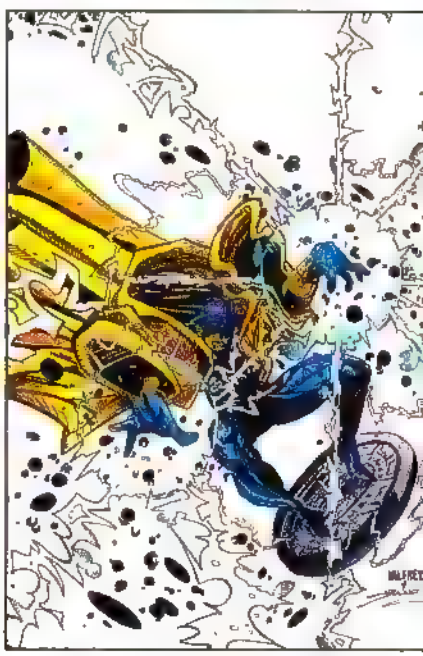


ROBIN STATUE

☐ **ROBIN #6**
Part 2 of a 3-part weekly story continued from SHOWCASE '94 #5: Rob n and the Huntress must work togeth- er to stop the murderous Deathangel from assassinat ng Gotham City s mobsters Concludes in SHOWCASE '94 #6 Written by Chuck Dixon with art by Phil J menez Cover by J menez $1 50

☐ **ROBIN STATUE**
The atest in DC s series of high- qua ty co ect ble statues is this striking figure of Rob n, des gned and scu pted by Randy Bowen Each statue s made of co d cast porcela n and is indiv dual y hand-pa nted $150 00 US , $215 00 CAN

☐ **STATIC #12**
Enter Joyride a Bang Baby" whose passion for exped tion endangers everyone around him Stat c has to find some way to stop h m before innocents are run down Meanwh le Chuck verba y abuses R ck and strikes a b gger nerve than he th nks Written by Robert L Washington III, with art by W fred and Rober Qu ano Cover by W fred and John Stan sci $1 50



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SORCEROUS READING IN *THE BOOKS OF MAGIC*

Following his debut in the extraordinary THE BOOKS OF MAGIC miniseries by Neil Gaiman, and his subsequent role in the ARCANA: BOOKS OF MAGIC ANNUAL from THE CHILDREN'S CRUSADE, young Tim Hunter returns in a VERTIGO monthly series, THE BOOKS OF MAGIC.

He may someday become the greatest mage the world has ever seen, but before that day comes, Tim Hunter must learn to balance the perilous lure of magic against the everyday problems of youth and the strange forces that are attracted to his power.

In the first story arc of this new series, Tim is the target of conflicting factions from the realm of Faerie. Among these

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forces are the mysterious, shapeshifting Falconer, the scholarly but deadly Manticore, and Titania, the queen of the dying realm. Tim also learns some strange things about his heritage... and why his fate is so inextricably linked with that of the Faerie realm.

Written by John Ney Rieber (ARCANA ANNUAL, TELL ME, DARK) with art by penciller Gary Amaro (THE SANDMAN, BLACK ORCHID ANNUAL) and inker Peter Gross (ARCANA ANNUAL), THE BOOKS OF MAGIC explores how Tim learns about his emerging magical powers and simultaneously copes with the trials of adolescence.

Charles Vess, former cover artist of SWAMP THING and artist for the third issue of THE BOOKS OF MAGIC miniseries, provides the painted covers for the ongoing series.

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THE UNCHARTED REALMS OF *ROGAN GOSH*

Slip the bounds of Reality; let fall the veils of Illusion; see the Truth and enter the world of ROGAN GOSH. Be prepared for the experience of a lifetime as one of the most dazzlingly original comics ever published makes its North American debut in this extraordinary VERTIGO one-shot.

ROGAN GOSH is a psychedelic adventure through Rudyard Kipling's opium dreams, past modern-day London, and into a futuristic India where they find an extraordinary creature called Rogan Gosh. It's a story that combines Hindu mysticism with science fiction, and spiritual enlightenment with lavishly written Indian restaurant menus.

Originally published as a serial in the British anthology *Revolver*, ROGAN GOSH features a story by Brendan McCarthy and Peter Milligan, the same innovative team responsible for the critically lauded *Skin*. McCarthy also provides the stunning, lavish illustrations for ROGAN GOSH scripted by Milligan (SHADE THE CHANGING MAN, ENIGMA, THE EXTREMIST).

With a foreword by McCarthy and an afterword by Milligan, along with never-seen character sketches, this 56-page one-shot will mesmerize any reader looking for a comic-book experience beyond the norm.

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SHADE, THE CHANGING MAN #47

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☐ **BLACK ORCHID #9**
While living among the Silent People of the Amazon, Black Orchid discovers her true lineage as part of an ancient race of nymphs and dryads—the female counterparts of Earth's other elementals. Written by Dick Foreman, with art by Rebecca Guay and Stan Woch. Painted cover by Dave McKean. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

☐ **SANDMAN MYSTERY THEATRE #14**
Part 2 of the 4-part "The Vamp:" The Golden Age Sandman continues to seek the truth behind the Vamp's bizarre murder spree, while Dian and Wesley are drawn further into a beguiling web of intrigue. Co-written by Matt Wagner and Steven T. Seagle, with art by Guy Davis. Photo cover by Gavin Wilson and Richard Bruning. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

☐ **SHADE, THE CHANGING MAN #47**
Shade attempts to enlist the aid of the divine Ms. Lenny in his conflict with the Celestials. Meanwhile, the secret of Shimmy's strange overbite is revealed. Written by Peter Milligan, with art by Chris Bachalo and Rick Bryant. Painted cover by Duncan Fegredo. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

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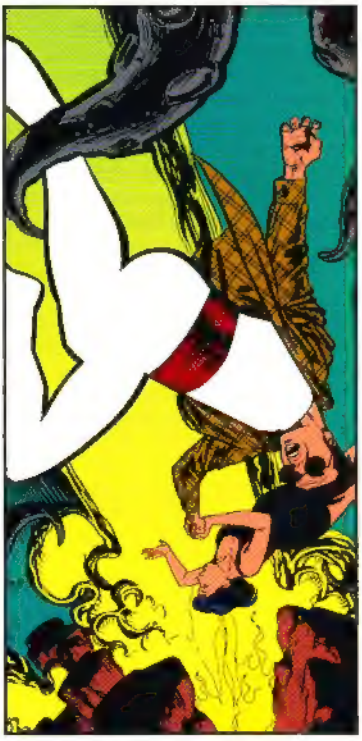
SHIPPING MARCH 22

☐ **HELLBLAZER #77**
John Constantine's funeral? Another strange part of his past returns to haunt him as Constantine heads back to London for the fight of his life. This issue leads into a conflagration of infernal proportions as the 6-part "Rake at the Gates of Hell" begins next month. Written by Garth Ennis, with art by Peter Snejbjerg. Painted cover by John Totleben. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

☐ **KID ETERNITY #13**
Part 1 of a 4-part story: Kid Eternity embarks on a quest for normalcy, beginning with a date with Chelsea, a young woman he cured of hysterical blindness. Unfortunately, instead of teenage bliss, the two end up on "A Date in Hell." Written by Ann Nocenti, with art by Sean Phillips. Painted cover by Phillips. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95



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☐ **ROGAN GOSH**
Originally presented in the British comics anthology *Revolver*, ROGAN GOSH makes its North American debut in one extraordinary volume. An exquisite tale of reality and illusion, this unique VERTIGO one-shot follows two young men and a monkey through the opium-den dreams of Rudyard Kipling, past modern-day London, and into a futuristic India where a remarkable creature called Rogan Gosh awaits them. Written by Peter Milligan, with art by Brendan McCarthy. Painted cover by McCarthy. *(Suggested for mature readers. Contains strong language. 56 pages. Prestige Format.)* $6.95

ROGAN GOSH

SHIPPING MARCH 29

☐ **ANIMAL MAN #71**
Buddy becomes a media star after putting on an exhibition in the nation's capital. Meanwhile, on her way to a women's commune in Oregon, Ellen receives word that Maxine may not be dead. Written by Jamie Delano, with art by Russell Braun and Tom Sutton. Painted cover by Michael Uman. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

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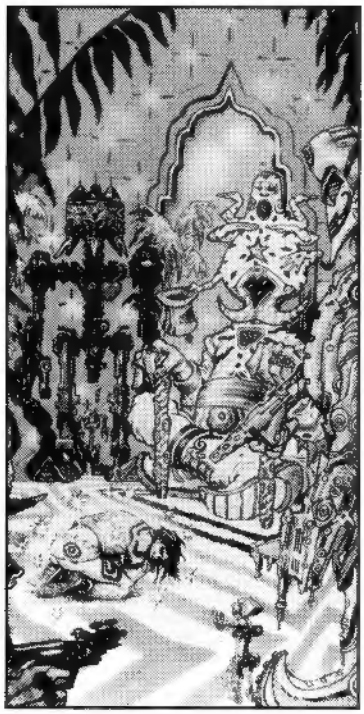

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☐ **THE SANDMAN #60**
In part 4 of "The Kindly Ones," the last major story arc of THE SANDMAN, the denizens of the Dreaming receive a shock as the mystery deepens and a new player enters the game. Written by Neil Gaiman, with art by Marc Hempel. Painted cover by Dave McKean. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

☐ **SWAMP THING #142**
In part 3 of the 4-part "Bad Gumbo," Alec Holland takes a bizarre trip on the "Soul Train," where a mysterious messenger reveals the secret of his connection to the Swamp Thing. Meanwhile, Abby runs for her life, pursued by a monster that once may have been her husband. Co-written by Grant Morrison and Mark Millar, with art by Phil Hester and Kim DeMulder. Painted cover by John Mueller. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

SHIPPING APRIL 5

☐ **AMERICAN FREAK: A TALE OF THE UN-MEN #4**
(of a 5-issue miniseries):
Damien and his dark family massacre the repulsive voyeurs who had captured them. Then, on the way to the place of their possible salvation, they take two hostages of their own. Written by Dave Louapre, with art by Vince Locke. Painted cover by Stan Gaz. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

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☐ **THE BOOKS OF MAGIC #1**
Tim Hunter, the young mage of THE BOOKS OF MAGIC miniseries and the ARCANA ANNUAL, returns in his own ongoing VERTIGO series. In Part 1 of the 3-part "Bindings," the decaying state of the Faerie realm leads the enigmatic Falconer to Earth in search of Tim, the boy who may one day become the world's greatest mage. But other forces are interested in Tim, including some who may offer clues to his true parentage. Written by John Ney Rieber, with art by Gary Amaro and Peter Gross. Painted cover by Charles Vess. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

☐ **DOOM PATROL #78**
In part 4 of the 5-part "Teiresias Wars," Cliff Steele's new robot body must merge with Kate's in order for them to reach the other-dimensional space where the Teiresiae hide. Meanwhile, the new Tower of Babel continues to exert an even greater control over the world. Written by Rachel Pollack, with art by Ted McKeever. Painted cover by Brian Bolland. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

☐ **SCARAB #7**
(of an 8-issue miniseries):
A reborn Eleanor must aid Scarab in defeating a group of Russian scientists whose greatest weapon is the Scream—the psychic echo of the mass deathcry propagated by the bombing of Hiroshima. Written by John Smith, with art by Scot Eaton and Michael Barreiro. Painted cover by Glenn Fabry and Tony Luke. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

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